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Memorandum

TO: BATA Oversight Committee

DATE: April 1, 2009

FR: Executive Director

RE: Regional Measure 1 (RM 1) and Toll Bridge Seismic Retrofit Program (SRP) Monthly Progress Report

The March 2009 Toll Bridge Program Progress Report will present project and expenditure updates for RM 1 and SRP projects. The report will be delivered directly to the Committee at your meeting on April 8, 2009.

Project highlights include:

- On the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge East Span Replacement Project, the 1,700 ton capacity shear leg crane barge that will be used to lift the bridge segments into place arrived in the Bay Area on March 12, 2009. Fabrication is on-going in China on the steel roadway and tower segments and temporary support structures continue to be erected in the Bay.
- On Yerba Buena Island, work continues on the detour viaduct that will reroute traffic off the existing transition structure between the bridge and tunnel. The Toll Bridge Program Oversight Committee is nearing a decision on when the detour will be opened to traffic, which will require the Bay Bridge to be closed for a weekend to allow the roll-out of an existing truss section and the roll-in of a new detour truss. We expect to be able to announce the closure date at your meeting.
- On the Existing Benicia-Martinez Bridge Modification Contract, work to modify the old southbound Benicia-Martinez Bridge is proceeding ahead of schedule. The contract will open the old bridge up to four southbound lanes (one more than before) with shoulders and a new pedestrian/bicycle lane. Barring extraordinary days of inclement weather and unforeseen construction difficulties, Caltrans is forecasting the work to be complete two months early in October 2009.

Staff will be available at the Committee meeting to respond to questions or comments on the report.

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